

COREAN EMPRESS STORY A MYTH

Report that Dead Dowager Was
an American Woman Denied
by a Missionary Worker in
that Country Since 1886.

MRS. BUNKER, NOW HERE.
PHYSICIAN TO QUEEN.

Assertion that "Miss Emily
Brown" Entered Emperor's
Harem in the Seventies Pure
Fabrication, She Says.

The announcement from Washington last week that United States Minister Allen, at Seoul, had sent word to the State Department of the death of the Empress Dowager of Korea revived and gave new interest to an old story, that this same Korean dignitary was an American woman, a Miss Emily Brown, daughter of an American missionary who invaded Korea in the early seventies.

The story told for many years of the Empress Dowager was that she became enamored of the Emperor and entered his harem as one of his wives. Some time ago, it was said, a son was born to her, between whom and the throne there were but a few lives. From time to time this story has been denied, but it has been as regularly revived, and in the absence of authoritative information has been accepted by many persons as absolutely true.

Through Charles H. Fahs, of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Annie Ellers Bunker, M.D., a famous Korean missionary worker, who has just returned to this country after many years' attendance on the Korean royal family, The Evening World is enabled to give for the first time some authoritative information on this interesting subject and to establish positively the identity of the Empress Dowager.

Mrs. Bunker an Authority.

"When I read of the death of the Empress Dowager in The Evening World last week," said Mr. Fahs today, "I immediately thought of Mrs. Bunker, who is now at Sherman, N. Y., with her husband on furlough. She could straighten the matter out if anyone could, so I sent her the clipping from The Evening World. Mrs. Bunker has been at the Korean court since 1886. Medical missionaries were the first to invade that country and Dr. H. N. Allen, of the Presbyterian Board, was the first missionary physician to the King of Korea. Dr. Allen, falling ill shortly after Dr. Allen took charge, it is necessary to have a woman physician and Dr. Annie Ellers, now Mrs. Bunker, was sent for.

"She made her entrance in Seoul in July, 1886. From that time until March, 1888, she attended the Queen and also had charge of the women's department of the government hospital. In 1887 the Queen recovered, and in recognition of Dr. Ellers' services decorated her. Shortly after that Dr. Ellers married Dr. Bunker, and Dr. Horton, another woman, was appointed in her place. From that time until the death of the Queen in 1895 both women acted as medical attendants at the palace.

"In response to my letter to Mrs. Bunker I have just received a statement that that the Queen had been interested in thousands of people who have heard this story of an American woman being Empress Dowager of the Korean Court."

Mrs. Bunker's Statement.

"The story of a Miss Brown, a missionary, having married the King of Korea is a fabrication from first to last. Until 1886 there had never been a lady missionary of that name in Korea. The story reached Korea months ago through American papers, but was considered so ridiculous that it attracted scarcely any attention. The Empress Dowager referred to by Minister Allen in his message is not Miss Brown. Missions were not opened in Korea until 1884, so Miss Brown's father and mother could not have gone there as missionaries in 1875. The Queen of Korea was murdered in the fall of 1895, and since that time the King, now Emperor, has not married.

"The lady in power and influence at present in the Korean court is Mrs. Bunker. She aspires to be Empress. The Queen was a powerful factor in the Korean court. She was very conservative. She was a member of the ancient Ming family and she was noted as having had a very superior mind. She was most kind and gracious to me at all times, and the nine years in which I knew her and served her taught me to respect her. I was truly a mourner when she was so cruelly murdered."

SLEVIN ENJOINS NEIGHBOR.

Saloon-Keeper Objects to Schmidt

Elipsing His Place.

Hugh Slevin, the Tammany politician, who secured a fifteen-year lease of the cafe and saloon property at the corner of Union Square and Fourteenth street, obtained to-day a temporary injunction against Joseph Schmidt.

Schmidt leased the adjoining building, No. 101 East Fourteenth street, and is putting on a bulging front, all gold and glitter, in an effort to eclipse Slevin's corner. Schmidt will have to appear before Justice Leventritt to-morrow and demonstrate that he is not violating the building laws or Slevin's rights.

ACCUSED OF STEALING \$100.

Bookkeeper Held for Alleged De-

fect in Accounts.

Walter P. Sawyer, thirty-one years old, a bookkeeper, was arraigned in the Central Court to-day charged by his employers, L. Corlies & Co., of No. 71 Hudson street, with the larceny of \$100. He waived his right to a jury and was held for the Grand Jury.

It was stated in court that experts are being called to discover if there is any further deficit than the \$100 he is charged with embezzling.

THREE GREEKS ARRESTED.

Police Notified by Chicago Wire to

Hold Them.

On a telegram received from the Chicago office of the United States Express Company, Detectives Oppenheim and Brown arrested three Greeks who they alleged from a train in the Grand Central Station to-day.

When arraigned in the Central Court the men gave their names as Eusebius Twiter, Grigori Tacosopolos and Andreas Tergascattiro. They were held to await further dispatches from

M'CLELLAN MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE

Prof. Pound, Cornell University
Expert, Declares the Supreme
Court Has Never Decided the
Question Involved.

ITHACA, Jan. 14.—Could Mayor McClellan, of New York, become President of the United States if he were elected to that office?

This is a question which Prof. Pound, of Cornell University, was unwilling to answer in the affirmative this morning to his class in constitutional law in the Cornell Law School.

Prof. Pound was lecturing upon the subject of naturalization when he was asked the question of the meaning of the Constitutional provision which says that "No person except a natural-born citizen shall be eligible to the office of President."

Mayor McClellan was born in Dresden while his parents, who were citizens of the United States, were sojourning in Europe. By act of Congress, said Prof. Pound, a child thus born in a foreign land, but of American parents who are citizens of the United States, is itself a citizen of the United States, but whether he is a "natural born" or only a "naturalized" citizen is a question which the Supreme Court of the United States

has not as yet passed upon.

Prof. Pound resented the idea that it was a foregone conclusion among constitutional lawyers that the question when it ever does come up for decision could be decided in only one way, namely, that a citizen like Mayor McClellan is a "natural born" and not merely a "naturalized" citizen.

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